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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/72/917)*]

72/288. Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, section I of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000, its resolutions 55/271 of 14 June 2001, 56/241 of 24 December 2001, 56/293 of 27 June 2002, 57/318 of 18 June 2003, 58/298 of 18 June 2004, 59/301 of 22 June 2005, 60/268 of 30 June 2006, 61/279 of 29 June 2007, 62/250 of 20 June 2008, 63/287 of 30 June 2009, 64/271 of 24 June 2010, 65/290 of 30 June 2011, 66/265 of 21 June 2012, 67/287 of 28 June 2013, 68/283 of 30 June 2014, 69/308 of 25 June 2015, 70/287 of 17 June 2016 and 71/295 of 30 June 2017 and its other relevant resolutions, as well as its decisions 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017,[1] on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019[2] and on the comprehensive review of the support account for peacekeeping operations,[3] the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget of the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019[4] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5]

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations being able to respond and deploy rapidly to a peacekeeping operation upon the adoption of a relevant resolution of the Security Council, within 30 days for traditional peacekeeping operations and 90 days for complex peacekeeping operations,

[1] A/72/701 and A/72/701/Add.1.
[2] A/72/790/Rev.1.
[3] A/72/814.
[4] A/72/766.
[5] A/72/857.

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Recognizing also the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

Mindful that the level of the support account should broadly correspond to the mandate, number, size and complexity of peacekeeping missions,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019[2] and on the comprehensive review of the support account for peacekeeping operations,[3] as well as the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget of the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019;[4]

2. *Reaffirms* its role in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of human and financial resources and policies with a view to ensuring the full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;

3. *Also reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;

4. *Further reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

5. *Reaffirms* that the support account funds shall be used for the sole purpose of financing human resources and non-human resources requirements for backstopping and supporting peacekeeping operations at Headquarters, and that any changes in this limitation require the prior approval of the General Assembly;

6. *Also reaffirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, as well as the need for full justification for that funding in support account budget submissions;

7. *Further reaffirms* the need for effective and efficient administration and financial management of peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to continue to identify measures to increase the productivity and efficiency of the support account;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016 and its other relevant resolutions;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Decides* to maintain, for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B;

11. *Also decides* to abolish two vacant posts in the Department of Safety and Security: one post of Security Coordination Officer (P-4) and one post of Associate Training Officer (P-2);

12. *Further decides* not to redeploy the Associate Political Affairs Officer (P-2) post in the Asia, Middle East, Europe and Latin America Division of the Office of Operations, the Political Affairs Officer (P-4) post in the Somalia Coordination and

Planning Team of the Office of Operations and the Political Affairs Officer (P-4) post in the Partnership Team of the Policy, Evaluation and Training Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;[1]

Budget estimates for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

14. *Approves* the support account requirements in the amount of 324,703,500 United States dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of the amount of 28,859,100 dollars for the enterprise resource planning project and 821,500 dollars for information and systems security, including 1,345 continuing posts and 20 new temporary posts, as well as the abolishment, redeployment, reassignment and reclassification of posts, as set out in annex I to the present resolution, and 57 continuing and 11 new general temporary assistance positions and 52 person-months, as set out in annex II, as well as related post and non-post requirements;

Financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial periods from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 and from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

15. *Decides* that the requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The unencumbered balance in the amount of 324,400 dollars, in respect of the financial period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019;

(b) The total amount of 813,800 dollars, comprising investment revenue of 811,000 dollars and other miscellaneous revenue of 2,800 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019;

(c) The amount of 928,800 dollars, representing the excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019;

(d) The balance of 322,636,500 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019;

(e) The net estimated staff assessment income of 26,070,500 dollars, comprising the amount of 25,483,500 dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 and the increase of 587,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017, to be offset against the balance referred to in subparagraph (d) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations.

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Annex I

A
Posts to be established under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

Department/office	*Organizational unit*	*Posts*		*Function*	*Status*
		Number	*Level*		
Department of Peacekeeping Operations					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Office of the Chief of Staff	1	GS (OL)	Administrative Assistant	New
	Subtotal	**1**			
Office of Internal Oversight Services					
Investigations Division	Entebbe	1	P-4	Investigator	Conversion from general temporary assistance
		3	P-3	Investigator	
	Nairobi	1	P-4	Forensic Investigator	
		1	P-3	Investigator	
	Vienna	1	D-1	Deputy Director	
		1	P-5	Senior Investigator	
		2	P-4	Investigator	
		1	P-4	Forensic Investigator	
		5	P-3	Investigator	
		1	GS (PL)	Investigations Assistant	
		1	GS (OL)	Investigations Assistant	
	Subtotal	**18**			
Secretariat of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions					
		1	P-5	Senior Administrative Officer	Conversion from general temporary assistance
	Subtotal	**1**			
	Total	**20**			

Note: The specific assignment and location of each of the new posts is set out in the report of the Secretary-General (A/72/790/Rev.1) and referenced in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/72/857).

B
Redeployment, reassignment and abolishment of posts under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

Redeployment

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of the Under-Secretary-General/ Office of the Chief of Staff/Focal Point for Security

Redeployment of 1 post (1 P-4 Occupational Safety Officer) from the Policy, Evaluation and Training Division/Policy and Best Practices Service

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Investigations Division/Resident Investigations Office of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic

Redeployment of 1 post (1 P-4 Investigator) from the Resident Investigations Office of the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Internal Audit Division/Resident Audit Office of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan

Redeployment of 1 post (1 P-4 Resident Auditor) from the Resident Audit Office of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Investigations Division/Resident Investigations Office of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Redeployment of 1 general temporary assistance position (1 P-3 Investigator) from the Resident Investigations Office of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali

Reassignment

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Investigations Division/New York

Reassignment of 1 post (1 P-3 Resident Auditor to be reassigned as 1 P-3 Investigator) from the Internal Audit Division/Resident Audit Office of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

Reassignment of 1 post (1 P-3 Resident Auditor to be reassigned as 1 P-3 Investigator) from the Internal Audit Division/Resident Audit Office of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

Abolishment

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of Operations/Africa II Division

Abolishment of 2 posts (1 P-5 Senior Political Affairs Officer and 1 P-4 Political Affairs Officer)

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of Operations/Asia, Middle East, Europe and Latin America Division

Abolishment of 2 posts (2 GS (OL) Team Assistant)

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of Military Affairs/Integrated Operational Team

Abolishment of 2 posts (1 P-5 Senior Military Liaison Officer and 1 P-4 Military Liaison Officer)

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of Military Affairs/Military Planning Section

Abolishment of 1 post (1 P-4 Planning Officer)

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of Military Affairs/Force Generation Service

Abolishment of 1 post (1 GS (OL) Team Assistant)

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions/Police Division

Abolishment of 1 post (1 P-4 Police Liaison Officer)

Department of Peacekeeping Operations/Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions/Strategic Policy and Development Section

Abolishment of 1 post (1 GS (OL) Administrative Assistant)

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Internal Audit Division/Resident Audit Office of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

Abolishment of 2 posts (1 P-4 Resident Auditor and 1 NGS Administrative Assistant)

Office of Internal Oversight Services/Internal Audit Division/Resident Audit Office of the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti

Abolishment of 1 post (1 P-4 Resident Auditor)

Department of Safety and Security

Abolishment of 2 posts (1 P-4 Security Coordination Officer and 1 P-2 Associate Training Officer)

Abbreviations: GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); NGS, national General Service.

Annex II

General temporary assistance positions to be established under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

		Position			
Department/office	*Organizational unit*	*Number*	*Level*	*Function*	*Status*
Department of Peacekeeping Operations					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Office of the Chief of Staff	1	GS (OL)	Administrative Assistant (organizational resilience)	Continuation
	Executive Office	1	P-4	Human Resources Officer	Continuation
		–	3 months, 1 P-4	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	2 months, 1 P-3	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	2 months, 1 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions	Office of the Assistant Secretary-General	1	P-4	Rule of Law and Security Institutions Officer (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
	Justice and Corrections Service	1	P-4	Judicial Affairs Officer	Continuation

Department/office	Organizational unit	Position: Number	Position: Level	Function	Status
	Police Division	1	P-4	Police Programme Officer (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
	Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Section	1	P-4	Policy and Planning Officer (disarmament, demobilization and reintegration) (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
	Subtotal	**6**			
United Nations Office to the African Union					
Administrative Support Section		–	3 months, 1 P-3	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	3 months, 1 NGS	Leave replacement	Continuation
	Subtotal	**–**			
Department of Field Support					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Conduct and Discipline Unit	1	P-3	Programme Officer	Continuation
	Audit Response and Boards of Inquiry Section	–	6 months, 1 P-3	Operational Review Officer	Continuation
Field Budget and Finance Division	Memorandum of Understanding and Claims Management Section	2	P-3	Finance and Budget Officer	New
Field Personnel Division	Field Personnel Specialist Support Service	10	P-3	Human Resources Officer (occupational groups)	Continuation
		3	GS (OL)	Human Resources Assistant (occupational groups)	Continuation
	Subtotal	**16**			
Department of Management					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Executive Office	–	3 months, 1 P-4	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	3 months, 1 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
	Management Evaluation Unit	1	P-3	Legal Officer	New
Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	Peacekeeping Financing Division	2	P-3	Finance and Budget Officer	Continuation
	Accounts Division	1	P-4	Accountant (accounting policy)	Continuation
		1	GS (OL)	Finance Assistant (insurance)	Continuation
Office of Human Resources Management	Medical Service Division	1	P-4	Medical Officer	Continuation
	Strategic Planning and Staffing Division	1	P-4	Project Manager (data warehouse)	Continuation
		1	P-4	Programme Officer	New
		1	P-3	Human Resources Officer (mobility)	Continuation
	Procurement Division	1	GS (OL)	Procurement Assistant	Continuation

Department/office	Organizational unit	Position: Number	Position: Level	Function	Status
Office of Central Support Services	Archives and Records Management Section	–	5 months, 1 P-4	Information Management Officer	New
Office of Information and Communications Technology	Enterprise Applications Centre Bangkok (Bangkok office)	1	P-4	Project Manager (rations management system)	Continuation
		1	P-3	Information Systems Officer (fuel management system)	Continuation
	Enterprise Applications Centre Bangkok (New York office)	1	P-3	Information Systems Officer (customer relationship management for the troop contribution management project)	Continuation
	Subtotal	**13**			
Office of Internal Oversight Services					
Executive Office		–	2 months, 2 P-3	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	2 months, 3 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
Investigations Division	New York	1	P-4	Investigator	New
		2	P-3	Investigator	New
		1	GS (OL)	Administrative Assistant	New
	Nairobi	1	P-4	Investigator	New
		2	P-3	Investigator	New
	Entebbe	1	NGS	Administrative Assistant	Continuation
	United Nations Mission in South Sudan	2	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	NGS	Administrative Assistant	Continuation
	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali	1	P-5	Chief Resident Investigator	Continuation
		1	P-4	Investigator	Continuation
		2	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	NGS	Administrative Assistant	Continuation
	United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo	1	P-3	Investigator (from the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali)	Continuation
	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic	2	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
Internal Audit Division	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali	3	P-4	Resident Auditor	Continuation
		2	P-3	Resident Auditor	Continuation
	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic	3	P-4	Resident Auditor	Continuation

Department/office	Organizational unit	Position: Number	Position: Level	Function	Status
		2	P-3	Resident Auditor	Continuation
	Subtotal	**29**			
Executive Office of the Secretary-General					
		–	3 months, 2 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
	Subtotal	**–**			
Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services					
Regional Ombudsman's Office in Entebbe		2	P-4	Conflict Resolution Officer	Continuation
	Subtotal	**2**			
Office of Legal Affairs					
General Legal Division	Administration of Justice Cluster	–	3 months, 1 P-4	Leave replacement	Continuation
	Subtotal	**–**			
Department of Public Information					
		–	1.5 months, 1 P-3	Leave replacement	Continuation
		–	1.5 months, 1 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
	Subtotal	**–**			
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights					
Peace Mission Support Section	Addis Ababa	1	P-3	Human Rights Officer	Continuation
Methodology, Education and Training Section	New York	1	P-4	Human Rights Officer	Continuation
	Subtotal	**2**			
	Total	**68**		**Positions and 52 person-months (positions of less than 12 months' duration)[a]**	

Note: The specific assignment and location of each of the general temporary assistance positions is set out in the report of the Secretary-General (A/72/790/Rev.1) and referenced in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/72/857).

Abbreviations: GS (OL), General Service (Other level); NGS, national General Service.

[a] Person-months are indicated in the column entitled "Level".